

January 7, 2014
Antelope County Board
Neligh, Nebraska

The Antelope County Board of Supervisor's convened in regular session on Tuesday, January 7, 2014 at 9:00 AM in the County Supervisor's room, Antelope County Courthouse annex, Neligh, Nebraska. Meeting called to order by Chairman Schwager with the following board members responding to roll call: Brandt, Kerkman, Baker, Williby, Henery and Schwager. Bolling appeared later. Chairman Schwager stated that the open meeting laws are posted on the east wall of the Supervisor's room with more copies available at the County Clerk's office.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the four county newspapers, legal newspapers printed and in general circulation in Antelope County, Nebraska as shown by proof of publication filed in the County Clerk's office. Agenda for said meeting was sent to all members of the County Board of Supervisor's.

The following correspondence was reviewed and placed on file: letter from Lower Platte North Natural Resources District regarding Hazard identification public meetings scheduled for January 21, 2014 at Wahoo, January 22, 2014 at Fremont and January 23, 2014 at David City; public notice from the US Army Corps of Engineers regarding Thiele Dairy expansion Section 14, Township 25 North, Range 8 West of the 6th P.M. Antelope County, Nebraska; letter from JEO Consulting stating the 1 year warranty period for the 516 Avenue Roadway Improvements by A&R Construction Co. is half over if the county has concerns regarding the materials or workmanship they should contact JEO Consulting as soon as possible; letter from the Nebraska Auditor of Public Accounts regarding Oakdale Village has not submitted their 2013/2014 budget as required by law; and letter from the National Association of Counties requesting Antelope County to become a member.

Bolling appeared at 9:10 AM.

Motion by Williby, seconded by Henery designating the Neligh News and Leader, the Clearwater Record, Elgin Review and Orchard News as the official county newspapers for 2014. Those voting aye: Bolling, Brandt, Kerkman, Baker, Williby, Henery and Schwager. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Brandt, seconded by Baker to approve the December 3, 2013 and December 10, 2013 board minutes. Those voting aye: Brandt, Kerkman, Baker, Williby, Henery, Bolling and Schwager. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Brandt, seconded by Kerkman to approve the application for permit submitted by David J. Beckman to place a permanent pipeline beneath 527 Avenue crossing at the SE1/4 of Section 35, Township 23 North, Range 6 West of the 6th P.M., Antelope County, Nebraska, Dave and Gwen Beckman owners, pipeline to be used as water line for livestock; all work to be done according to State specs. Those voting aye: Kerkman, Baker, Williby, Henery, Bolling, Brandt and Schwager. Nays none. Motion carried.

A letter was received on December 26, 2013 from the Royal Township board indicating they do not want to take ownership of the east 3/4 mile of 859 Road located between Section 29 and 32 of Royal Township. Motion by Henery, seconded by Williby accepting the letter of refusal received from the Royal Township Board for the east 3/4 mile of 859 Road located between Section 29 and 32 of Royal Township and authorizing Chairman Schwager to sign Resolution No. 2014-01-0001 vacating the east 3/4 mile of 859 Road between Section 29 and 32 of Royal Township with the county relinquishing the right-of-way to the adjacent property owners. Those voting aye: Baker, Williby, Henery, Bolling, Brandt, Kerkman and Schwager. Nays none. Motion carried.

ANTELOPE COUNTY, NEBRASKA
RESOLUTION 2014-01-0001

WHEREAS, Antelope County considered the possible vacation or abandonment of the east 3/4 mile of 859 Road between located between 517 and 518 Avenue, and between Sections 29 and 32, Townships 27 North, Range 7 West of the 6th Principal Meridian, Antelope County Nebraska.

WHEREAS, Antelope County directed the Highway Superintendent to make a study of the use of the road and held a public hearing to discuss possible vacation or abandonment of the above described road.

WHEREAS, it was found to be in the public interest that the County close the roadway to the traveling public.

WHEREAS, Antelope County offered to relinquish the closed portion of road to Royal Township and have received written notice from Royal Township that they do not wish to assume the roadway,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of Antelope County, Nebraska, said road be vacated and the right-of-way easement revert to the adjacent property owners.

Adopted this 7th day of January 2014, at Neligh, Nebraska

ATTEST:

(SEAL)

Carolyn Pedersen /s/
Clerk

BOARD OF COUNTY SUPERVISORS
OF ANTELOPE COUNTY, NEBRASKA
Jerald Schwager /s/
Chairman

Motion by Henery, seconded by Baker authorizing Chairman Schwager to sign he Notice to Proceed and Standard Form of Agreement between Antelope County and Rutjens Construction for the Old Mill Bridge railing. Those voting aye: Williby, Henery, Bolling, Brandt, Kerkman, Baker and Schwager. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Williby, seconded by Henery authorizing the county clerk to fill out the credit application requesting a charge account with Casey's General Store; said application would allow the county to charge gas only for the county vehicles. Those voting aye: Henery, Bolling, Brandt, Kerkman, Baker, Williby and Schwager. Nays none. Motion carried.

Several employees are not following the County Employee Handbook and using their vacation days up in the time required. Supervisors were asked to speak with their employees to be sure that the handbook is followed.

Antelope County Highway Superintendent Brian McDonald met with the county board to review the One and Six Year Road Program for 2014. Motion by Williby, seconded by Kerkman authorizing the county clerk to advertise the One and Six Year Road Program public hearing for February 4, 2014 at 10:00 AM. Those voting aye: Bolling, Brandt, Kerkman, Baker, Williby, Henery and Schwager. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Brandt, seconded by Kerkman appointing Derek Zuhlke and Gail Wortman to the Antelope County Extension board for a three year term each. Those voting aye: Brandt, Kerkman, Baker, Williby, Henery, Bolling and Schwager. Nays none. Motion carried.

Antelope County Veteran Service Officer Ron Marshall met with the board to present his offices 4th quarter report.

January 14, 2014

Quarterly Report to the Board of Supervisors

Activity for the 4th Quarter of calendar year 2013

	October	November	December	Total
Phone calls received	66	28	45	137
Phone calls made	59	41	47	147
Office visits/Interviews	38	27	24	89
Home visits (includes nursing homes)	2	0	0	2
Compensation/ Pension Claims	2	3	2	7
Other claims/forms	27	26	23	76
Letters written	2	1	2	5
E-mails sent/received	49	12	21	82
Meeting attended	0	6	0	6
Military Funerals	0	0	5	5
October-December	Compensation and Pension History Results			
	Filed	Granted	Pending	
2009	10	7		

2010	14	13
2011	17	9
2012	17	12
2013	7	

2012 results of Compensation and Pension Claims for 4th Quarter Activity.

Monthly cash benefits to veterans/dependents – \$ 11,178.00

Annual cash benefits to veterans/dependents – \$134,136.00

Also a veteran was awarded a lump sum retro check in the amount of \$5,311.53 for compensation due to a class action suit filed on behalf of veteran suffering heart disease as a result of exposure to Agent Orange chemicals sprayed in Viet Nam during the war.

Quarterly activity was down during the 4th quarter. Also an increase was seen in the number of deaths of veterans. This is expected as the average age of WW II veterans is well over 90, Korean War veterans average 80, and even the Viet Nam vets are around 70 on average.

The VA seems to have begun making claims harder to be granted, most likely due to the pressure on government to reduce spending. Between that and the aging out of war veterans, I expect to see continued downward trends in number of claims and approval of claims. I do expect to see an increase in claims or burial benefits, and Death Pension Claims.

Each case is unique due to differing personal financial situations, and the laws governing VA benefits. Many times what seems to be similar situations, something unknown to the family or someone speculating about a situation, are not the same, and therefore what one veteran/dependent may be eligible for, the other veteran/dependent is not. Having said that, it is important for any veteran or family member that may be eligible to look into their case and file an application or formal consideration if warranted.

Honor Flights of Korean War veterans will resume in the Spring. Veterans of the Korean War who are interested in visiting Washington DC to see the War memorials must make application to be considered.

Individuals and organizations may sponsor a veteran with a \$500.00 donation to the fund that pays for these flights. The trip is a long one day event that flies out of Omaha early in the morning, and returns late that evening.

Veterans with at least a 70% VA granted disability may be eligible for VA Contract Nursing care at the Golden Living Center in Neligh or the Norfolk Veterans Home. Eligible veterans should contact me or the Social Services Director at the Golden Living Center.

Respectively submitted,

Ronald J. Marshall /s/, Antelope County Veteran Service Officer

The exterior on the west side of the old courthouse is deteriorating and needs to be repaired. Chairman Schwager contacted Architect Jerry Berggren; Mr. Berggren said that he will inspect the site and advise the board on how to fix the problem.

Motion by Kerkman, seconded by Bolling authorizing the clerk to transfer \$329,036.07 from the Building Fund into the Inheritance Fund; said money was paid from the Inheritance Fund for the new law enforcement facility before the bond money was received. Those voting aye: Kerkman, Baker, Williby, Henery, Bolling, Brandt and Schwager. Nays none. Motion carried.

The cost of the FEMA alternate projects was discussed. A committee of Supervisors Bolling, Kerkman and Schwager was set to look into how many miles can actually be completed.

Motion by Williby, seconded by Baker to adjourn. Those voting aye: Baker, Williby, Henery, Bolling, Brandt, Kerkman and Schwager. Nays none. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:21 AM.

ANTELOPE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

By: _____
Chairman of County Board

Attest: _____
Antelope County Clerk